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PENNSYLVANIA EGG PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER

HARRISBURG --- Pennsylvania egg production totaled 506 million during September, up 5 percent from the September 1998 production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS). There were an average of 22.5 million layers in the Commonwealth during the month, up 4 percent from September 1998. Average production per 100 layers was 2,251 eggs, compared with 2,218 eggs during the previous September.

Egg-type chicks hatched totaled 5.33 million in September, 17 percent less than the 6.39 million one year ago. Cumulative egg-type hatch for 1999 is 49.1 million, up 2 percent from the 48.2 million hatched during the same period last year. There were 12.4 million broiler-type chicks hatched last month, down 1 percent from September 1998. Cumulative broiler-type hatch for 1999, at 115.2 million chicks, was less than 1 percent higher than the 114.3 million hatched January through September 1998.

United States - Egg production in the United States totaled 6.85 billion during September, up 6 percent from the 6.48 billion produced the previous year. The total number of layers during the month averaged 322 million, up 4 percent from the average number of layers during September 1998.

September egg-type chicks hatched totaled 38.8 million, up 2 percent from last year. Broiler-type hatch, at 700 million chicks, was up 1 percent from September 1998. Turkey eggs in incubators on October 1, 1999, totaled 28.3 million, up 1 percent from October 1 a year ago. A total of 21.8 million turkey poults were placed during the month, up 3 percent from September 1998.